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During workshop gathering before council meeting

Elba mayor presents idea to council of possibly purchasing Wells Fargo building for city offices

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a workshop held at 5 p.m. Monday evening, Feb. 14, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox presented an idea to council members for discussion involving the current Wells Fargo bank building in Elba.

Maddox said Wells Fargo recently announced it would be closing its Elba bank. A letter being sent to customers confirms the bank will permanently close Wednesday, May 18, at 12 noon.

Maddox suggested the council consider utilizing ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] funds received by the city to try and purchase

Elba City Council members approve two resolutions benefitting police department unanimously.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved two resolutions Monday night, Feb. 14, during the regular bi-monthly meeting that will benefit the Elba Police Department.

Two new police vehicles will be purchased using American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funds for an amount up to \$85,000.

The motion to approve the purchase was made by Mayor Tom Maddox with a second from council member A R Williams.

Council member Jane Brunson said she felt this purchase should be made to get the city back on its pattern of replacing two police vehicles per year. She said the city basically skipped purchasing two new vehicles the fiscal year prior to the current one when it purchased some used Crown Victoria vehicles from the City of Enterprise instead of new vehicles.

"We need 14 [police] vehicles at any given time, and if we replace two per year you are looking at driving these seven years," Brunson said. "I think that is the best we can ask for."

The motion to approve the resolution passed by

Coffee County Sheriff / Coroner face challengers in 2022 Primary Election

The 2022 Primary Elections for the Republican and Democratic parties are set for Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

The Primary Runoff is set for Tuesday, June 21, and the General Election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

Regarding local races on the ballot, Coffee County Democratic Party chairman Tom Heavrin reported no candidates qualified with his office for any races.

As for the Republican Party, Coffee County party chairman Ed Foy confirmed that incumbent Sheriff Dave Sutton will face challenger Scott Byrd in the Primary Election. I

Incumbent Coffee County Coroner Robert Preachers will face challenger Arnold Woodham, and Coffee County Board of Education, District 4 member, incumbent Wendy Massey will face challenger Rhonda Strickland.

Qualified candidates unopposed in the Republican Primary, locally, will be Coffee County Board of Education, District 6 member, incumbent Eric Payne; 12th Judicial Circuit Judges Jeff Kelley and Shannon Clark

the Wells Fargo building the mayor said city attorney for city use. His Bart Booth had been asked plan included moving city to research whether there hall offices, would be an municipal court offices, and the Elba Chamber office into that building if purchased. Then, he said the Elba Police Department could be moved from its location on the courthouse square into the current city hall building on Buford Street.

With the Elba Chamber not being a city department, the mayor said city attorney for city use. His Bart Booth had been asked plan included moving city to research whether there hall offices, would be an municipal court offices, and the Elba Chamber office into that building if purchased. Then, he said the Elba Police Department could be moved from its location on the courthouse square into the current city hall building on Buford Street.

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Elba.

Council member Jane Brunson suggested also checking with the League of Municipalities on the matter for guidance.

Council member Gappa Wise questioned why the city would not hold off on such a move, with the Wells Fargo closure just being announced, to see if another banking-type institution could be marketed to come to Elba.

The mayor said no other banking institution could acquire the Wells Fargo building for two years. There was discussion as to

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CAMEL CAME TO TOWN... Last Wednesday, Feb. 9, many saw a camel in downtown Elba walking around the square! Some took a double take to make sure their eyes were not deceiving them...they were not. The camel, named Claude, is owned by Carrie and Jamie Whitworth of Elba, and he resides on their farm. Three days last week, Claude, along with Carrie and Jamie, were in training with horse and exotic animal trainer Terri Lindley of Oklahoma. Lindley traveled to Elba to help properly train Claude and his owners in various commands and behavior. On Wednesday afternoon, they all ventured to the courthouse square for additional command training. The Whitworths, and Claude, were very accommodating in allowing citizens to walk up and pet and/or take photos with Claude while they were in town. Above, Lindley stands off to the left while Claude follows a command given by Jamie Whitworth. The following day, several students at Elba Elementary School were treated to a visit from Claude as well.



Coffee County Commissioners welcomed Career Tech students from across the county to their meeting Monday morning, Feb. 14, as the county leaders proclaimed February as Career Technical Education Month. Students and teachers from Elba, Enterprise, Kinston, Zion Chapel, and New Brockton were in attendance for this occasion. Above, career tech student representatives from Elba High School are pictured with the commissioners and county administrator. Those pictured are (seating, l to r) commissioners Al Britt and Tom Grimsley, county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners Dean Smith, Jimmy Jones, and Josh Carnley; (standing l to r) commissioner Kim Ellis, Elba students Mikyla Daniels, Zalia McKelvy, Whit Shehee and Terrance Kelley, and commissioner Jim Thompson.

Coffee County Commission recognizes Career Technical Education Month

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission opened its meeting Monday morning, Feb. 14, honoring a former commissioner that passed away earlier this month. Commissioners presented a resolution to the family of Bernest Brooks recognizing and honoring his many years of dedicated public service.

Brooks died Wednesday,

Area Happenings

THE ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS HAVING A MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER on Tuesday, March 1, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Dine-in/Takeout. All are welcome. No cost.

LIVE TNA WRESTLING ACTION COMES TO THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL GYM Friday night, March 18, at 7 p.m. This community show will include a five-match event filled with fun and family entertainment. There also will be a Battle Royal to end the evening. Tickets will be \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ringside seating [ringside seating will be limited]. Contact Al Gilmore at Elba High School for more information.

THE FOGGY BOTTOM CRUISIN' 2022 CAR SHOW will be Saturday, March 19, on the square in downtown Elba. Presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers, the show will have cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts and food vendors located around the square. The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and admission is free to the public. Car registration is from 8-10 a.m. with proceeds being donated to the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

COVID testing site on ESCC campus changes operation hours

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Feb. 14, Coffee County EMA director James Brown said the COVID-19 testing site in Enterprise had adjusted its operating hours.

Brown said the Easy Testing site being operated at 600 Plaza Drive on the Enterprise State Community College campus now is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. He said the lesser hours is due to a drop in COVID cases recently in the area.

There is no out-of-pocket cost for this test, and both insured and uninsured are welcome. Pre-register at www.easystesting.com.

of an EMA department vehicle and transfer of that vehicle to the Town of New Brockton.

Upon request of county engineer Marty Lentz, commissioners voted to reject two bids received on corrugated metal pipe and instead purchase the materials from the ACCA [Association of County Commissions in Alabama] schools were recognized.

Commissioners encouraged the students in attendance to find a trade/career that makes them happy and pursue it.

Upon recommendation of county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners voted to authorize a financing agreement with BanCorp South for financing of five new dump trucks. Also, commissioners approved the surplus

put that much money into repairing the older model truck, and instead purchase a new truck chassis off the state contract at approximately \$39,000. He said it would probably take 6-8 months to receive the new truck chassis.

Commissioners approved the request for the new truck chassis.

Also, upon recommendation of the county engineer, commissioners voted to go ahead and order two new 15-ft wide mowers for the highway department and one for the landfill that would be paid with next year's budget funds. He asked permission to go ahead and place these orders because the build time currently on mowers is approx-

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." - Mark Twain

A feature on the History channel Sunday, February 20, will be about Abraham Lincoln. It is based on a book by Pulitzer Prize winner, historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. We like her writing, have read the book this is based on and encourage all who might be interested in our former president to tune in Sunday.

University of Alabama trustees voted last week to rename Bibb Graves Hall for Aatherine Lucy Foster, the university's first black student. Graves was a progressive, pro-education governor in the 1920s and 30s, which is why his name is on several college buildings. However, he also was a leader in the Ku Klux Klan and guilt-filled Americans are striving to be politically correct under today's standards by erasing anything or anyone in history who does not fit that mold. We are not proud of our history's KKK past but feel history should at least acknowledge the good things done by the folks such as Bibb Graves. We did know a granddaughter of the former governor and she proudly displayed a huge portrait of him in her small 'downsized' living quarters. Frankly we are glad she is not still here to see his name taken off that university building. Don't know what happened in the decision-making process but we thought that having both names on the facility would have been a fair compromise.

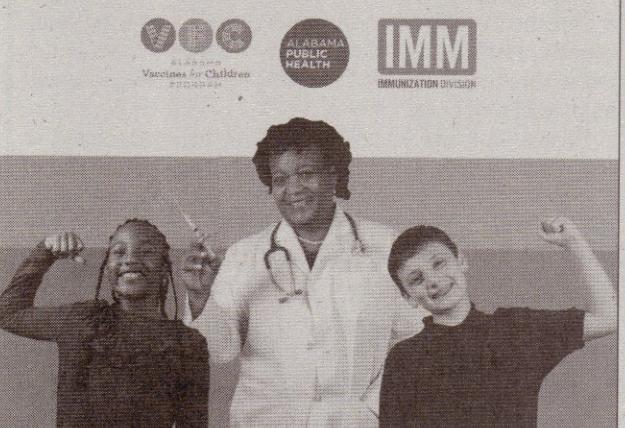
Dothan businessman Jeff Coleman purchased television advertisements last weekend announcing a second run for Congress. He is again facing Barry Moore who defeated him for the office two years ago. At the beginning of the last campaign, we predicted Coleman would win, but the tide turned as election day approached. This time around Moore has the advantage of being the incumbent and that is strong in Alabama. Additionally, there is an unanswered question about Coleman's qualifying date. He used the extended date that was set because of a court challenge to the latest redistricting map. When that case was overturned on a technicality, nothing was said about the extended qualifying date. We are sure that issue is before a court somewhere so voters must wait and see if Coleman is a qualified candidate or if Moore wins another term by default, since there are no other challengers signed up.

There was an article published recently with the names of the most guarded places in the world. Ft Knox, White House, and the queen's palace in London. Also Cheyenne Mountain Complex in Colorado, the nerve center of homeland security is on that list of about a dozen sites around the world. What downplays the 'high security' idea for that particular place is that we personally toured the facility years ago as guests of NORAD! Of course, we didn't know what all those video screens were telling the troops monitoring them, but it had something to do with watching the airspace - probably all over the world. The facility is buried under 2,000 feet of granite in Cheyenne Mountain, and this nuclear bomb-proof bunker is supposedly as secure as it gets. The monster 25-ton doors that close off the facility are mind boggling! After coming home we were asked, "how did you get that invite?" Well, we picked up the phone and said 'hello' and quickly agreed to take that General's invitation. Several days later we met an Air Force plane at Maxwell Field and it was off to three eye-opening days at Colorado Springs and in the mountain with NORAD.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

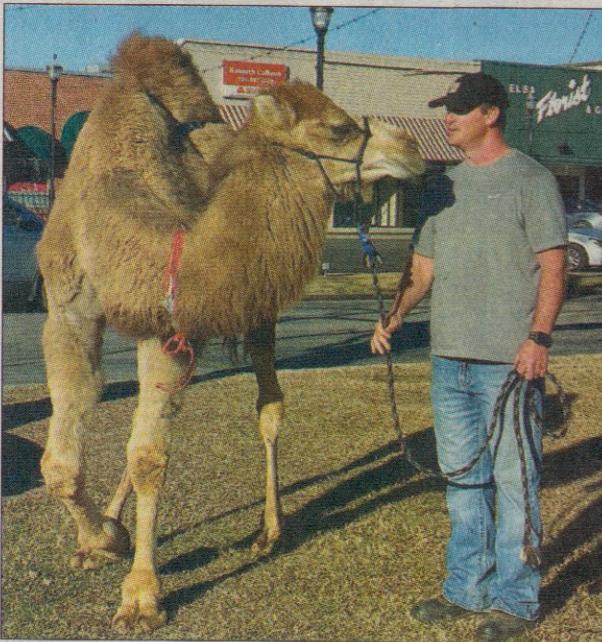
The Elba Police Department reported at 638 Claxton Ave (10:16 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Kendrick St (11:25 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on County Rd 473, Kinston (4:37 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 14305 Hwy 84 (6:33 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 661 Davis St E (6:47 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, two written warnings, and three citations.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 - Animal complaint reported at 949 County Rd 239 (10:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Brookdale Ave (12:14 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Rees Ave (4:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (10:32 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one report, one advice given, and one citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 406 Simmons St (12:19 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 342 Brunson Circle (12:58 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (2:51 p.m.); Harassment reported at 2669 County Rd 239 (5:31 p.m.); Assault reported at 861 Cedar Lane Dr (8:41 p.m.). There were 11 traffic stops on this date resulting in five citations, one assistance rendered, two verbal warnings, one written warning, and two arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 10 - Report of shots fired at 322 Simmons St (6:36 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported to Elba Police (11:21 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (3:26 p.m.); ATV complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (4:14 p.m.). There were 15 traffic stops on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, 10 citations, and one written warning.

Friday, Feb. 11 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.



Claude, the camel, and Jamie Whitworth, the owner, became friends last week during their training session with Terri Lindley, a horse and exotic animal trainer from Oklahoma. Claude and Jamie are shown here on the square in Elba.

Saturday, Feb. 12 - Animal complaint reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr (5:17 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 702 Newton St (10:40 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 739 Pinedale Dr (9:37 p.m.); Fight reported on Thomas St (9:39 p.m.); Assault reported at 651 Reynolds Ave (9:54 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (11:59 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in three citations, and one arrest.

Sunday, Feb. 13 - Intoxicated driver reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr w/ investigative stop conducted (12:44 a.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a written warning.

Monday, Feb. 14 - Criminal mischief reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Thursday, Feb. 17 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Friday, Feb. 18 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Saturday, Feb. 19 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Sunday, Feb. 20 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Monday, Feb. 21 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Thursday, Feb. 24 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Friday, Feb. 25 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Saturday, Feb. 26 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Sunday, Feb. 27 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Monday, Feb. 28 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Tuesday, Feb. 29 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 30 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Thursday, Feb. 31 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Friday, Feb. 1 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Saturday, Feb. 2 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - Domestic complaint reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (5:13 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 706 Newton St (8:46 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2130 Taylor Mill Rd (3:55 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Kendrick St (7:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2-10,17,24-pd

IN THE MATTER OF BETTY SUE JONES, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-2021-100

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of January 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons

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Witness my hand this the 25th day of January 2022.

/s/ Renee Hussey
Personal Representative
2/3,10,17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN THE MATTER OF MILDRED JEAN MORROW, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-2022-004

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALBIA DIVISION

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES KEITH WARD, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. PC 2022-002

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN THE MATTER OF LOUISE F. WILSON, Deceased

CASE NO.: PC 2022-006

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALBIA DIVISION

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN THE MATTER OF LOUISE F. WILSON, Deceased

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
2/10,17,24-pd

IN THE MATTER OF LOUISE F. WILSON, Deceased

CASE NO.: PC 2022-006

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Witness my hand this the 1st day of February 2022.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN FOLMAR, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: PC-2021-097

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Helen Barnes on the 10th day of February, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

DONE, this 10th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

This past Monday was Valentine's Day. If you're just now realizing that, chances you may be in big trouble! So, like the quickly passing day of love, today's edition of The Pastor's Corner will be short and sweet.

Every one of us can quote John 3:16, but here it is: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We need to remind ourselves of that on Valentine's Day and every day. This means that God loves YOU! That's pretty awesome. To think that despite our failures, faults, and limitations, the Creator of the heavens loved us enough to give his only Son for our salvation is, well, there are no adequate words.

His love isn't past tense only, though. He still loves us today, and loves us just as much as ever! At the same time, he desires that we reciprocate; that we love him in return. Personally, just as incomprehensible as his love for us is the fact that he wants a relationship with us! When I ponder this, three words come to mind - "Who, me?" and "Why?"

Please know that God really does love you. You can't earn his love. You don't have to, for it has already been paid for by Jesus. I urge you to accept his love, or rekindle the relationship you had.

Governor Ivey encourages veteran hiring through HIRE VETS Medallion program

Governor Kay Ivey and Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington are encouraging Alabama employers to hire veterans by applying to and participating in the Hire Vets Medallion Award Program, an official program of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The application period runs from January 28 through April 30, 2022. These awards are the only federal-level veterans' employment awards that recognize a company or organization's commitment to veteran hiring, retention and professional development. In 2021, 37 Alabama companies received the HIRE Vets Medallion Award, and 849 employers were recognized nationally. Since the program's inception, nearly 70 Alabama businesses have received this honor.

This program provides an opportunity for employ-

ers to be honored for going the extra mile in hiring and retaining veterans.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is based on several criteria, ranging from veteran hiring and retention to providing veteran-specific resources, leadership programming, dedicated human resources, and compensation and tuition assistance programs - with requirements varying for large, medium, and small employers. There is no application fee.

To learn more, create an account, or update an existing account for the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program, go to HireVets.gov or visit one of the 55 Alabama Career Centers in the state for assistance.

For more information on the program, contact Donal Cieutat, State Veterans Coordinator: Donal.Cieutat@alabama.gov

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was all smiles one day last week after being selected to be a member of the first-ever robotics team at the Elba Elementary School. Lawson has been building things with Lego blocks since he was two and I thought one day it might lead to something, and now he will get to use his mental skills to help build robots.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers advanced to sub-region play while the Tigers saw their season end last week at the area tournaments. The Lady Tigers closed the game with a 14-0 run to rally past Ariton in their tourney opener and then got taken to the woodshed in a second round loss to G.W. Long, but moved on with the second place finish to keep their region tournament hopes alive. The Tigers played hard and kept it close for a while, but were simply no match for Ariton as they lost their tourney opener. Both Elba coaches feel better days are ahead, and if the players will buy in I totally agree.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs and New Brockton Gamecocks were the only area teams to advance out of area play last week. The Bulldogs knocked off Red Level and J.F. Shields to bring the area title banner back to 'Title Town,' while the Gamecocks surprised Pike County in their tourney opener before falling to Opp in the finals. Brantley has played well all season and appears to be peaking at just the right time, while the Gamecocks late-season surge should pay huge dividends next season as the program rebuilds.

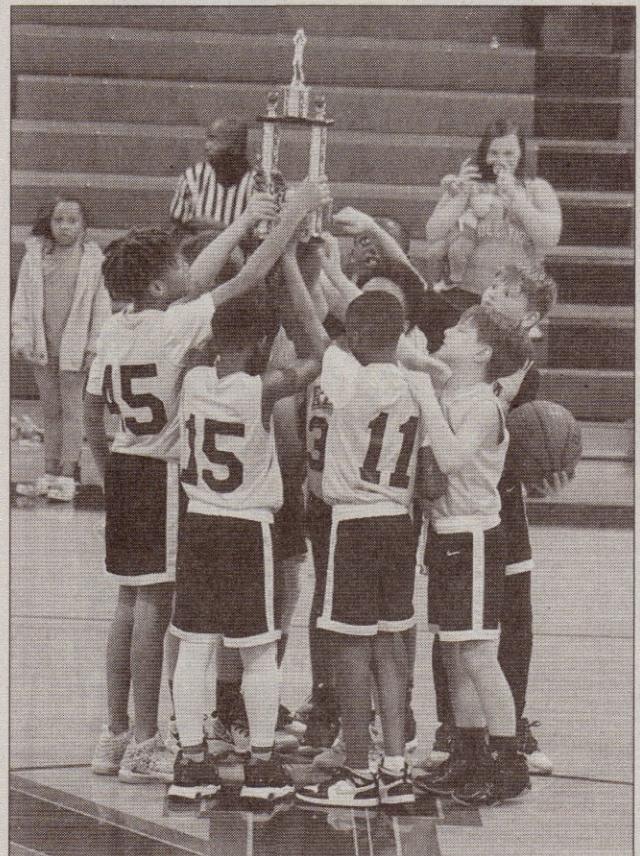
*** Baseball and softball seasons kickoff this week all around the area and I know the players, coaches and fans are ready to head out and get started. Elba returns the bulk of its team on the baseball diamond and should be a team to watch, while the Lady Tigers return only one position starter and appear to be in rebuilding mode.

Looking around the area, in baseball Kinston could be a team to keep an eye on in 1A after making a long trip in the playoffs last season. Brantley is always loaded and a favorite to win it all, New Brockton returns loads of talent and should be a 3A contender, and Zion Chapel has a solid program that could be ready to take that next step. Yep, it looks like it will be a fun season on the baseball diamond!

Over on the softball field, Brantley looks like a prohibitive favorite to add another state title trophy to its already big collection of blue maps, New Brockton's recent building process should be ready to pay big dividends, Kinston is always solid and should be back in the hunt in 1A, and Zion Chapel has lots of talented players and may be ready to make some noise.

*** The Southeastern Conference passed out \$777.8 million to its member schools last week at its annual meeting, which means each of the 14 schools picked up a check for \$54.6 million. The check was over nine million more than a year ago, and since 2017 the revenue has risen by over \$14 million to the schools. Still wonder why teams want to join the SEC?

*** In closing.... Nothing is really a surprise at Auburn, but it still surprised me last week when the university announced that head football coach Braxton Harsin would return for a second season on the plains. The powers to be apparently spent a week trying to build a case against the less than popular Tiger coach, but in the end apparently didn't dig up enough dirt and felt the \$18 million buyout was too steep a price to pay. With a new university president, it will still be interesting to see if there is a new power surge at Auburn, or if the good old boys will regain their power.



RUNNERS-UP...The Elba Parks and Recreation 10U boys basketball team brought home the runners-up trophy last weekend from the Pea River League Youth Basketball Tournament, which was hosted by New Brockton. The Elba 10U boys advanced to the championship round with no losses, and eventual tourney winners, the Kinston 10U boys team, had to defeat Elba twice in the championship round to be named tourney winners. Above, the Elba 10U team celebrates after receiving their runners-up trophy from the tournament.

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ELBA LADY TIGERS - 2A, AREA 3 RUNNERS-UP....The Elba Lady Tigers placed second at last week's area tournament and earned the right to advance to sub-region play. Nina Williams, A'Lyric Whitfield and Kendra Juarez were named to the All-Tournament team.

In tournament opener

Lady Tigers rally past Ariton 46-40

The Elba Lady Tigers scored the final 14 points of the game to rally past the Ariton Lady Cats 46-40, last Monday in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 3 basketball tournament, at G.W. Long High School.

Nina Williams and A'Lyric Whitfield scored 4 points, apiece, in the opening quarter to keep the Lady Tigers close, and Whitfield added 7 points in the second stanza as Elba went at the half trailing 21-19.

Elba struggled to put points on the scoreboard

Lady Tigers fall in finals

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter and never recovered in an 85-39 loss to the top-seeded G.W. Long Lady Rebels, Thursday night in the finals of the Class 2A, Area 3 basketball tournament, at G.W. Long High School.

G.W. Long came out on fire and opened up an 11-0 lead with 6:07 left in the first quarter, and upped its lead to 14-0 before the Lady Tigers finally got on the scoreboard on a free throw by A'Lyric Whitfield to cut the lead to 14-1 with 3:31 left in the stanza. Kendra Juarez hit Elba's first field goal of the quarter with 2:58 left on the clock and scored five points in the stanza as the Lady Tigers trailed 28-6 heading into the second quarter.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored two quick baskets to open

the third quarter, but used an aggressive defense to slow down Ariton as the Lady Tigers sneaked on top 26-25. The Lady Cats rode the scoring of Reagan Tomlin to open up a 40-32 lead midway through the fourth quarter. However, Elba used the scoring punch of A'Lyric Whitfield and Nina Williams, and four key points by Tajah Purvis, to stage a wild rally that allowed the Lady Tigers to advance with the exciting 46-40 tournament win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored

Tigers ousted in opener

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an end last Tuesday night with a 57-32 loss to the top-seeded Ariton Purple Cats, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 3, tournament, at Ariton High School.

Elba came out determined to slow down the game and its plan worked to perfection early as the Tigers led twice in the first quarter after three-pointers by Jordan Marek. Ariton scored late to carry a 9-8 lead into the second quarter, and then began to heat up behind the arc as Isaiah Johnson with 19 points and Ian Senn with 16.

Elba Tiger Jordan Marek (0) lays in a basket in recent basketball action. Marek hit five three-pointers in the Tigers area tournament loss to Ariton.

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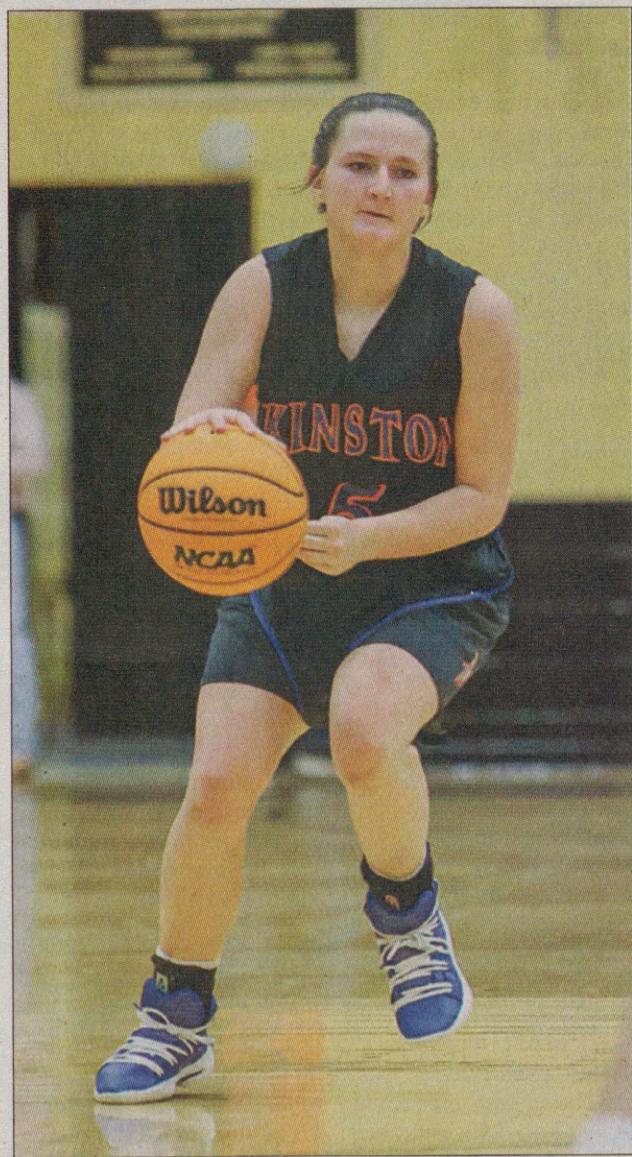
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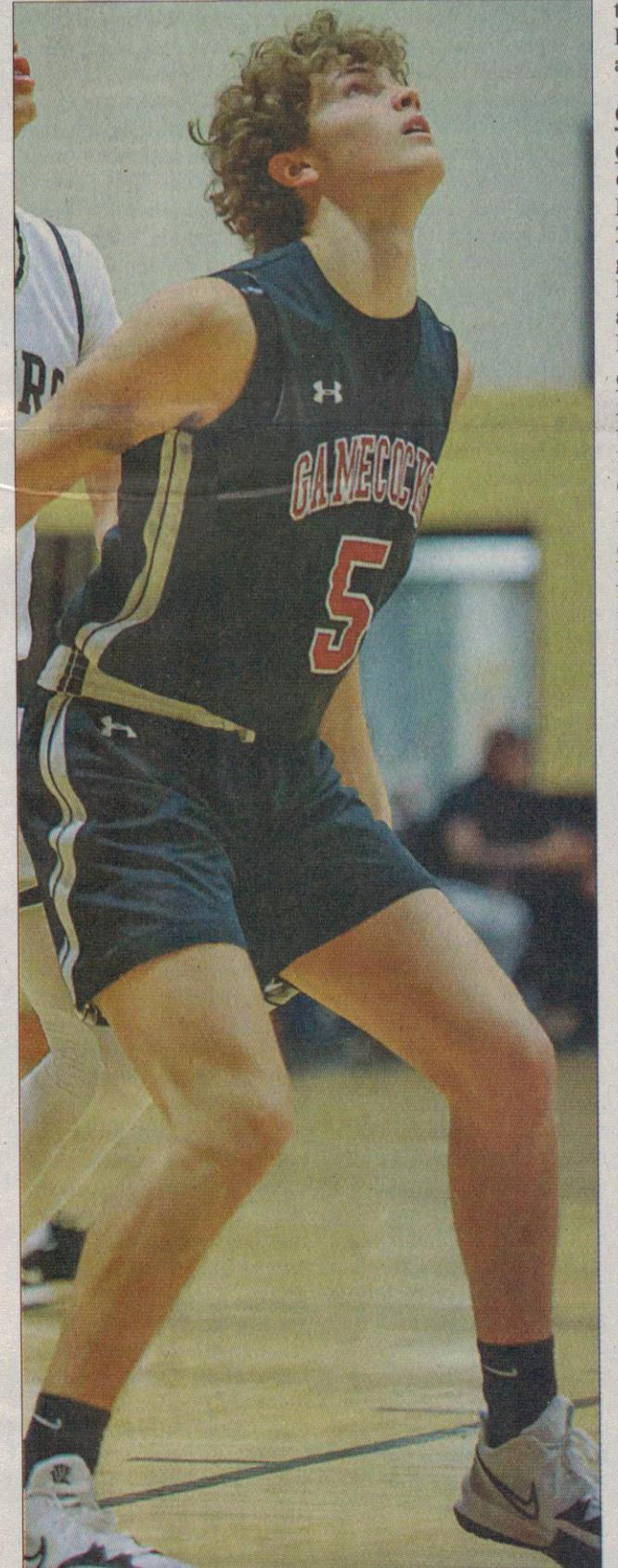
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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Lady Bulldog Kelsi Cardwell (5) dribbles downcourt. Cardwell hit the 1,000 mark this season in basketball.

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New Brockton Gamecock Matt Smith (5) gets inside position against an opponent.

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BOYS:

Class 3A, Area 4

New Brockton 66 Pike County 61 – The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a three-point halftime deficit to defeat the Pike County Bulldogs 66-61, in opening round tournament action. Matt Smith and Anthony Silar scored 23 points apiece to lead the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 12. Zequan Boyd scored 17 points and Kentavious Thomas added 13 to lead the Bulldogs.

Opp 61 New Brockton 33 – The New Brockton Gamecocks had to settle for second in the post-season tourney after falling to the Opp Bobcats 66-31, in Opp. Anthony Silar scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Jabari Hill scored 21 and AJ Coleman added 12 for the Bobcats.

Class 2A, Area 3

G.W. Long 56 Zion Chapel 51 – The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a six-point halftime advantage vanish in a 56-51 tournament loss to G.W. Long. Slade Grantham scored 12 points and Jacob Chestnut added 11 to lead the Rebels, while Kobe Stringer scored 22 points and Avery Roberts added 16 to lead Long.

Class 1A, Area 2

Florala 48 Kinston 44 – The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 48-44 opening round tournament loss to the Florala Wildcats. Blake Senn scored 10 points and Connor Tew added 7 to lead the Bulldogs.

Class 1A, Area 3

Brantley 72 Red Level 64 – The Brantley Bulldogs kept their season alive and logged their 20th win with a 72-64 win over the Red Level Tigers. Khalil Smith poured in 32 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Morell Edwards added 19 and Kedrick Brown added 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

Brantley 61 J.F. Shields 55 – The Brantley Bulldogs claimed the area title with an exciting 61-55 win over the J.F. Shields Panthers. Khalil Smith scored 20 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Morell Edwards added 11, Kedrick Brown added 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Jordan Parks and Jayden Parks both scored 10 points.

GIRLS:

Class 2A, Area 3

G.W. Long 77 Zion Chapel 5 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored the first points of the game to take an early 2-0 lead, but saw added only three points the rest of the game in a lopsided 77-5 loss to G.W. Long. Emmaline Hughes scored 19 points to lead Long, while Maleah Long added 13 points, Emma Claire Long added 11 points and Makenna Long scored 10.

Class 1A, Area 2

Florala 60 Kinston 36 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season end with a 60-36 loss to the Florala Lady Wildcats, in opening round tournament action. Kelsi Cardwell scored 27 points and went over the 1,000-point mark in her career in the season finale.

Class 1A, Area 3

Brantley 56 McKenzie 26 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs kept their season alive with a solid 56-26 tournament win over the McKenzie Lady Tigers. Anna Parker Little scored 20 points and Kayden Dunn added 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Georgiana 50 Brantley 34 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw their season end with a 50-34 loss to top-seeded Georgiana. Zykeria McClain scored 16 points to lead the Lady Panthers, while Alex Bess scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Lillie Boggan added 10 points and 9 rebounds.

Class 3A, Area 4

Pike County 61 New Brockton 26 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 61-26 tournament loss to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs. Pike County raced out to a 32-5 first quarter advantage and led 42-5 at the half as the Lady Bulldogs moved on to the tourney finals. Gabby Ebanks scored 8 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while the Lady Bulldogs were led by Carlisha Jackson with 12 points and Taniyah Green with 8.



8U BOYS CHAMPS...Kinston Recreation's 8U boys basketball team won the Pea River Basketball Association's end of season tournament last week. Team members and coaches are pictured above.



10U GIRLS CHAMPS...Kinston Recreation's 10U girls basketball team won the Pea River Basketball Association's end of season tournament last weekend in Kinston. Team members and coaches are pictured above.

12U RUNNERS-UP...Kinston Rec's 12U Boys and 12U Girls teams brought home the runners-up trophies from the Pea River Basketball Association tourneys, also held last weekend.



Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Watson (1) looks for an open teammate in recent action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Kinston Bulldog Tripp Hawthorne (0) dribbles upcourt in recent basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



10U BOYS CHAMPS...Kinston Recreation's 10U boys basketball team won the Pea River Basketball Association's end of season tournament last weekend in New Brockton with a win over Elba in the finals. Team members and coaches are pictured above.

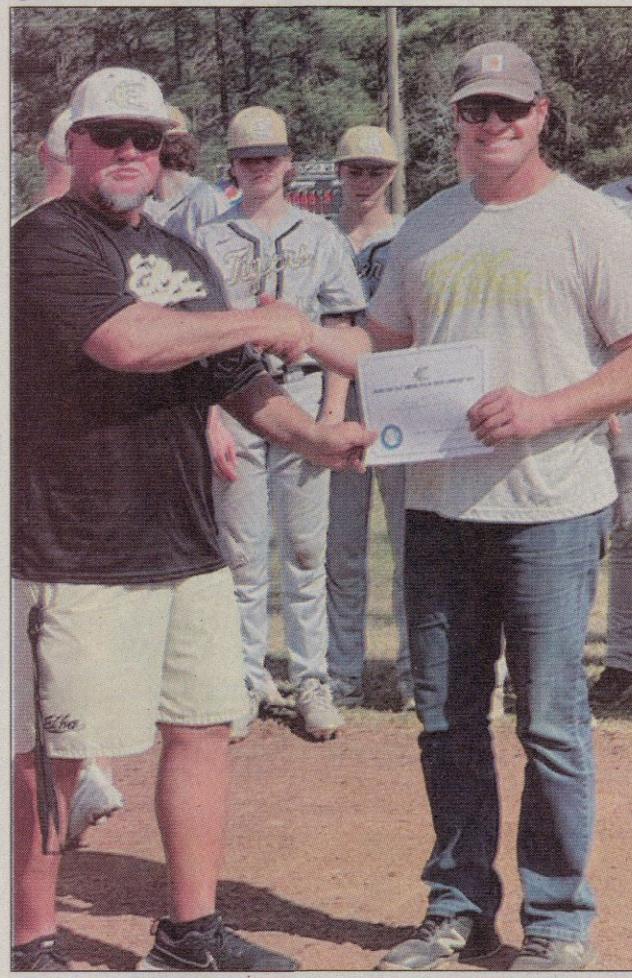


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LIFESTYLES



Elba Baseball annual Hit-a-Thon & Old Timers vs Rookies game held last Saturday, Feb. 12, at EHS baseball field



LONGEST HIT...Elba High Baseball Coach Glen Johnson (left) presents the "Longest Hit" award to Ashton McKelvy from last Saturday's Hit-a-Thon fundraiser for the baseball program at Elba High School.

Alabama adds newborn screening tests to help identify conditions not typically apparent at birth

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is excited to announce the approval of four new conditions to the Alabama newborn screening panel. Early identification and treatment of infants affected with certain genetic or metabolic conditions can prevent premature death and reduce morbidity and intellectual and other disabilities, and Alabama law requires screening of every newborn. The following are the conditions added:

**Foggy Bottom
Cruisers
announce
Foggy Bottom
Cruisin' 2022
Car Show**

The event will be Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in downtown Elba on the square. There will be cars and trucks of all makes and models, along with arts and crafts and food vendors. Free admission to the public.

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MOST HITS...Elba High Baseball Coach Glen Johnson (left) presents the "Most Hits" award to Byron Johnson from last Saturday's Hit-a-Thon fundraiser for the baseball program at Elba High School.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a unique celebration of life in honor and in memory of those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

It has been described as a "huge compassionate support group", a place where friends, family, and loved ones join to celebrate survivorship and to honor those who have lost the battle.

Relay For Life involves teams of people who take turns walking or running around a track and a party-like atmosphere prevails as team members camp out for the duration of the event to enjoy music, food, fun, entertainment, and activities while building camaraderie with fellow teammates and participants.

Money is raised through team commitment fees and an individual goal of \$100 in donations secured from family, friends, companies, or corporations.

This year, the Coffee County Relay for Life event will be Friday, April 22, from 6-10 p.m. at Bates Memorial Stadium in Enterprise, Ala. Everyone is welcome!

Athletes and non-athletes join teams representing clubs, corporations, organizations, neighborhoods, and families at this fun, community-oriented event!

Relay For Life was the idea of Gordy Klatt, M.D. In 1985, Dr. Klatt ran and walked for 24 hours on a track in Tacoma, Washington, traveling about 81 miles and raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. From there, Relay For Life was born and is now held nationwide, with more than 6000 communities participating!

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